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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School..... 9:30 A. M.
Church Service..... 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 2 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

The Woman's Aid Society will have its next monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4th, at 2:30 in the lecture room of the church.

Our Sunday School is having a "boom" at present. We are glad to see such a good attendance of the scholars enrolled, and we are especially glad to see so many new scholars coming in every Sabbath.

The Christmas offering for benevolence amounted to some over \$60.00. Some of the envelopes contained a very liberal offering, \$10, \$5, &c., but what of the many envelopes that were sent out and never returned. Some people forgot all about an offering for the Lord at the Christmas season: they may never have another opportunity of bringing an offering to the Lord at the Christmas time.

The ladies of the church have secured Mr. Rex, of Heidelberg University, to give an entertainment, Friday evening, Feb. 5th. Mr. Rex is the reader and impersonator who accompanied the Heidelberg University Glee Club when they gave an entertainment in Grace Church about a year ago. Ever since the visit of the glee club last year our people have been anxious to hear Mr. Rex again. The ladies are very fortunate in being able to secure him. Mr. Rex will give the larger part of the program, some musical numbers will be added. Let us see to it that Mr. Rex will have a full house when he comes.

During the last week of this month the pastor will assist Rev. C. E. Stoner of Basil, Ohio, in a revival service. While in that part of the state he expects to visit his aged mother for a few days at Glenford, Ohio.

Get ready for the evangelistic services later in the season—pray for a great revival in Grace Church, for a mighty stirring of the hearts of the people and a great harvest of souls.

Sunday, Jan. 10, the pastor baptized Loretta Louisa Ann, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Klinger.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual Congregational meeting was held on New years morning in the lecture rooms of the church. The business meeting was preceded by a devotional service and short address by the pastor. Before the business session opened the pastor suggested that inasmuch as it was the first service in the new year it would be appropriate to receive an offering for benevolence, which was done.

Reports were then read by the financial secretary, church treasurer and treasurers of the various church organizations. These reports all indicated an encouraging and healthy condition of the finances of the church. The receipts for current expenses by weekly offerings were larger than in any previous year. The Womans Aid Society also made an excellent showing of work during the past year; their receipts were larger than they had been for many years; the same encouraging words can be said of the work of all the other societies.

At the close of the regular routine of miscellaneous business the annual election was held with the following result: For elders, C. F. Close and Samuel Wertman; deacons, Henry Kessler and B. C. Hattel; financial secretary, W. A. Hobson; treasurer, Walter F. Close.

We give below a brief exhibit of the reports that were made:

Church treasurer's report by weekly offerings, \$1064.10: Thousand Dollar Thank Offering fund, \$912.50; by Men's League, \$46.00. Other amounts came into the treasurer's hands from the different societies of the church. The

treasurer's total receipts for the year were \$2624.89. Expenditures: Note at White National Bank, \$335.50; for street paving, \$370; steps leading from street to sidewalk \$39.00; Benevolence \$198. The remaining amount of receipts was applied upon the current expense of the church. Indebtedness: To pastor's salary due Jan. 1, 1904, \$82.49; chorister, \$34.00; on loan of church, \$5100. Receipts of Sabbath school for the year, \$215.30; Woman's Aid Society, \$673.71; Young Peoples Society, \$78.64; Junior C. E., \$15.00; Missionary Society, \$28.95; Messenger Boys, \$4.42. Net receipts of parish paper, \$54.00; Receipts by church dictionary, \$100.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Womans Aid Society held Jan. 11th, the ladies of the church were divided into five sections. Each section will give two suppers during the year. In the month of July all the women will unite in giving an ice cream social. Three managers have been appointed for each section. We give below the sections as they are now arranged. The sections will serve in the order in which they are given, Sec. 1 giving the supper in February:

SECTION 1.

Managers—Mrs. W. Siebold, Mrs. H. J. Straub, Mrs. Al. Barbier; Assistants—Mesdames W. G. Page, Geo. Siebold, C. A. Arnold, O. Foncanon, S. Frederick, John Smith, Jas. Smith, Wm. Moore, Louisa Wilkening, Anna Gebert, Henrietta Trisch, Ed Bevelheimer, Freda Schaaf, John Schlaudrof, Mary Krudop, Rachel Wells, W. Cutler, Aime Chausse, B. T. Main,

Carrie Johan, Mary Klinger, Misses Lillie Johnson, Pearl Siebold, Maud Bell, Anna Schoenline, Anna Yeager, Lillie Moore, Bertha Weickart, Mr. Chas. Schwartz.

SECTION 2.

Managers—Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. C. H. Gumper, Mrs. Geo. Hessert. Assistants—Mesdames A. C. Katt, John Schnieder, Louis Bercot, Sr., A. K. Zartman, Louis Bercot, Jr., Ed Riley, Celia Horstman, Herman Tapp, C. C. Gumper, Louis Martin, W. Martin, Frank Moore, A. R. Hills, Misses Mollie Schneider, Nellie French, Lottie Schaffer, Ella Gaff, Emma Bercott, Anna McConnel, Celia Amiet, Nellie Wycoff, Alma Meyers, Josephine Zartman, Mamie Meyers, Anna Scheffer, Mr. Frank Hilgeman.

SECTION 3.

Managers—Mrs. S. Dukeman, Miss Libbie Felker, Mrs. Emma Bitner. Assistants—Mesdames B. Lecklider, J. Rudisill, V. Monn, John Grosjean, Ed Grosjean, F. Bercot, Luke Durnell, C. A. Buck, Sadie Howenstein, C. Waldo, Katie Roth, L. Hiveley, Ed Warner, Philip Wicks, Delilah Long, Amelia Sessler, Minnie Raquet, Lizzie Keller, Misses Nellie Dollar, Lizzie Rudisill, Nellie Rudisill, Edith Hobson, Francis Geminer, Lulu Bitner, Lottie Bittner, Della DeHart, Mr. John Bieghler.

SECTION 4.

Managers—Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. Sarah Knight, Mrs. A. M. Henderson. Assistants—Mesdames R. Gavin, Theresa Wilbert, Margaret Boger, James Vining, J. Hetrick, F. Horstman, Edward Chausse, Phil Richards, Kate Certia, William Smith,

Caroline Neuenschwander, Ed Miller, Ed Seibold, Dayton Baltzell, May Schaich, Fred Shearer, Arstide Grosjean, Misses Maggie Haverly, Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Gertrude Thompson, Beatrice Benninghoff, Kittie Vining, Elsie Weikart, Minnie Weikart, Ella Kly, Bertha Goba, DeEtta Masterson.

SECTION 5.

Managers—Mrs. H. Kessler, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. D. Walter. Assistants—Mesdames D. Null, S. Wertman, R. Druckenbrod, Geo. Smith, James Evard, May Henderson, Perry Archer, A. Guilaum, Chas. Habecker, John Riley, Oscar Riley, Geo. Saffen, W. Habecker, D. Mullen, S. Schrack, F. Seeger, P. Heyman, W. F. Close, Misses Anna Dormer, Viola Schrack, Jennie Walter, Daisy Walter, Lillie Close, Carrie Cour, Sybil Niedhammer, Gusta Pratt, Wilmina Saffen, Grace Wertman.

Sabbath evening Jan. 10, Mr. Frank Moore was received into the church by confession of faith and baptism. On the following Sabbath Mrs. Moore was received, also Mr. John Patrick by reprofession. we extend a very cordial welcome to these friends and trust they shall find a pleasant church home among us.

Mrs. Henry Kessler, who has been quite ill, is much improved, and we hope will soon be able to attend services again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gavin remembered the pastor's family on Christmas with a large sack of flour from the city mills.

On New Year's day Mrs. Neuenschwander fell and broke her left arm.

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REV. A. K. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher.

Subscription, 25 cents per year in advance.

Mrs. Geo. Hessert has been confined to the house for several weeks with a very severe cold.

The services during the week of prayer were more than usually well attended and much interest was manifested.

W. E. Rex, reader and impersonator, will give an entertainment in the church Friday evening, Feb. 5, under the auspices of the Woman's Aid Society. The admission will be 25c for adults, 15 cents for children, twelve years and under.

On Christmas day some one sent thirteen boxes of fine candies to the parsonage accompanied with a note—"One box for the pastor, one for each member of the choir, one for each of ladies who take of the church." Query: Who was the donor?

A remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leikauf, a ham and pail of lard. Gifts from Mr. and Mrs. B. Lecklider. The pastor appreciates very much the fine leather cuff and collar box from L. W. Hills. Thanks to all of these friends for their kindness.

The pastor has begun a vigorous campaign of house to house visitation. Elder L. W. Hills has been accompanying us on many of these visits. In almost every home we have visited we did not only have the privilege of talking to the people about Christ and the church, but also of having a word

of prayer with them. This work will be continued until all the families in the church are visited, and many families not connected with the church.

GONE HOME.

Mrs. Ada H. O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Chapman, departed this life Monday morning Dec. 14th. She was aged 20 years and two months. For some months past she battled heroically with the disease that was preying upon her life but all with no avail, for the Lord had chosen her for his own. When the hour of her departure came she passed away peacefully in the full assurance of her acceptance with the Lord. She was one of the Lord's children and he only took her unto himself.

On her 20th birthday, Oct. 20, 1903, she was united in marriage to Francis O'Brien. The tie that made these two hearts one was soon broken, but while life lasted they were happy in each other's affections. Mrs. O'Brien united with Grace Church nearly four years ago, and continued in full membership with the church until her death. She had a large circle of friends and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, father and mother and one brother. The funeral service was held from the church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16th. God plucks our fairest flowers and plants them in His garden above, and there they are treasures laid up in heaven for us; in some sweet day, by and by, he will give them back to us again, if we love Him and serve Him as His children. May the Lord comfort these friends in their sorrow.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.—Church, Elders, C. F. Close, Samuel Wertman; Deacons, Henry Kessler, B. C. Hattel; Financial Secy., W. A. Hobson, Treas. Walter F. Close.

Sunday School Supt., A. K. Zartman; Asst. Supt., L. W. Hills, Sec'y. Irving Bitner, Louis Wilkening, Treas. W. A. Hobson.

Woman's Aid Society. Pres., Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Vice Pres. Mrs. C. H. Gumper; Secy., Mrs. Anna Doermer; Treas., Mrs. H. J. Straub; Ex. Com., Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Frank Leik-auf, Miss Libbie Felker.

Young Peoples Society. Pres., W. A. Hobson; Vice Pres., Harry Metzner; Secy., Walter Close; Cor. Secy., Miss Josephine C. Zartman; Treas., Miss Elsie Weikart.

Junior C. E. Pres, Cherrill Druk-enbrod; Vice Pres., Raymond Close; Secy., Clara Schaaf; Treas., Bertha Bitner.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS.

January.

- *24—What if Christ came to our town? Jno.
4: 28-30, 39-42. Lookout Committee.
31—Every Christian called to be a mission-
ary. Luke 24: 44-49.
Lillie Close, Bertha Weickart.

February.

- 7—Christ for the World, and for me. Jno.
3: 14-21.
Josephine Zartman, DeEtta Masters n.
14—What will real friendship do? 1 Sam.
20: 1-23.
Lottie Bitner, Gertrude Thompson.
21—Some good ways of using the Sabbath.
Mark 1: 21-34.
Stella Bottger, Mamie Meyer.
*28—Heroism and other lessons from China.
Acts 14: 19-23.
Alma Meyer, Williamine Saffen.

Committees appointed for the Young
People's Society:

Lookout Com.—Harry Metzner, Lulu
Bitner, Lillie Close, B. C. Hattel, W.
F. Close.

Prayer Meeting Com.—Elsie Weik-
art, Anna Doermer, Della DeHart,
Lottie Schaffer.

Missionary Com.—Mrs. A. K. Zart-
man, Mamie Meyer, Anna Doermer.

Flower and Calling Com.—Irving
Bitner, DeEtta Masterson, Williamine
Saffen.

Social Com.—Josephine Zartman,
Mrs. W. F. Close, Bertha Weickart,
Gertrude Thompson, Lillie Close, Ir-
ving Bitner, B. C. Hattel, John Koepf.

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son, H. Metzner, Chas. Knight, W. F.
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March.

- 6—How Christ stills the storms of life.
Ps. 107: 23-31.
- 13—Appetites that unmake men. Dan. 5:
1-5, 25-28.
- 20—Little things that Christ makes great.
1 Cor. 1: 25-29.
- 27—Jesus' work for his own country: what
can I do for mine? Matt. 4: 23-25;
23: 37.

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